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# (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) Azusa – Suspect Detained After Opening Fire on Contractors in National Forest

(U) A suspect was detained Thursday afternoon after a gunman opened fire on three Angeles National Forest contract workers in the mountain area above Azusa. No one was reported struck by the gunfire, which prompted a massive law enforcement response from deputies on the ground and three Los Angeles County sheriff's helicopters above the scene. Two deputies who had been lowered to the ground from one of the helicopters detained a suspect. Details about the person in custody were not immediately disclosed.

SOURCE: 29 September 2022, ABC 7

# (U) Oakland – Three Suspects Believed Responsible for School Shooting that Injured Six People

(U) At least three people are believed responsible for the gang-related shooting at an East Oakland school on 28 September that left two 18-year-old students and four campus employees wounded in an attack. Fuller details began to emerge Thursday of the targeted attack, which is believed to be gang-related, that occurred at the King Estates education campus in Oakland's Eastmont Hills neighborhood. Investigators are currently attempting to learn the identities of the three suspects.

SOURCE: 29 September 2022, The Mercury News

#### (U) Sacramento – Sacramento State University Employee Finds Swastika Defacing Campus Sign

(U) An employee at Sacramento State University found another Nazi swastika on campus. This time, the hateful anti-Semitic image was found defacing a sign in the Arboretum. Sacramento State University President Robert S. Nelsen announced Thursday evening in a message to the campus community that he was "saddened and disgusted" after the swastika was found alongside the words "White pride nationwide" defacing the Arboretum sign. Law enforcement officials reported 78 hate crimes in Sacramento County during 2021, triple the number that occurred in 2020 and more than any other year since 2003, state data shows. The most common type of hate crime reported was vandalism or destruction of property, which accounted for 27 incidents.

SOURCE: 29 September 2022, Sacramento Bee

### (U) San Jose - Pair Sentenced to Prison Terms for Roles in Child Sex Trafficking Ring

(U) A 41-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman, both of San Jose, have been sentenced to lengthy prison terms for their roles in a conspiracy to exploit underage girls for child pornography and sex trafficking. A US District Court judge sentenced Ariel Guizar-Cuellar to more than 38-years behind bars and Araceli Mendoza to a decade in prison. Citing the defendants' guilty pleas and evidence submitted at Mendoza's trial, prosecutors said Guizar-Cuellar was the leader, primary facilitator, enforcer, and main financial beneficiary of the operation. Guizar-Cuellar reportedly admitted that he and the other three defendants established and operated an illegal prostitution ring that exploited numerous women and children in the Bay Area over a 16-month period.

SOURCE: 30 September 2022, The Mercury News

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# (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

# (U) Texas – Two Migrants Shot, One Killed, Along Highway in Texas

(U) Sierra Blanca – Two migrants were shot, one of them fatally, along a Texas highway as two men in a pickup truck opened fire on a group of people who had stopped for drinking water. The incident took place near the West Texas town of Sierra Blanca. The victims were attacked by the suspects near a water tank along a farm road. Two brothers, Mike and Matthew Sheppard, were taken into custody in relation to the shooting. The report identified Mike Sheppard as the warden of a private detention center. SOURCE: 29 September 2022, Reuters

#### (U) NATIONAL

# (U) Colorado – Former NSA Employee Arrested on Espionage-Related Charges

(U) Colorado Springs – A Colorado Springs man will make his initial appearance in federal court today on charges that he attempted to transmit classified National Defense Information (NDI) to a representative of a foreign government. Jareh Sebastian Dalke, 30, was an employee of the National Security Agency (NSA) where he served as an Information Systems Security Designer from 6 June to 1 July 2022. Dalke used an encrypted email account to transmit excerpts of three classified documents he had obtained during his employment to an individual Dalke believed to be working for a foreign government. In actuality, that person was an undercover FBI agent. Dalke subsequently arranged to transfer additional classified information in his possession to the undercover FBI agent at a location in Denver, Colorado. The FBI arrested Dalke on 28 September, after Dalke arrived at the specified location.

SOURCE: 29 September 2022, US DOJ

# (U) Maryland – Ex-Army Major and Wife Tried to Leak Military Health Data to Russia

(U) Baltimore - A former US Army major and his anesthesiologist wife have been criminally charged for allegedly plotting to leak highly sensitive healthcare data about military patients to Russia. Jamie Lee Henry, the former major who was also a doctor at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, and his wife, Dr. Anna Gabrielian, were charged in an unsealed indictment in federal court in Maryland with conspiracy and wrongful disclosure of individually identifiable health information about patients at the Army base. The indictment alleges that after Russian President Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine in February, the pair sought to assist the Russian government by providing it with data to help the Putin regime "gain insights into the medical conditions of individuals associated with the US government and military." SOURCE: 29 September 2022, Reuters

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Afghanistan - Suicide Attack Kills 19 at Education Institute

(U) Kabul – A suicide attack at an education institute in the Afghan capital of Kabul killed 19 people and wounded 27. There has been no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. Many of those living in the western area where the blast occurred are Hazara, an ethnic minority targeted in past attacks launched by the Khorasan affiliate of the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS).

SOURCE: 30 September 2022, The Jerusalem Post

#### (U) Morocco – Authorities Arrests Suspected ISIS Member

(U) Casablanca – Moroccan police arrested a suspected ISIS member, in cooperation with US intelligence officers, who was accused of plotting a "terrorist" act. The 29-year-old man was arrested in the economic capital Casablanca "for his alleged involvement in the preparation of a terrorist scheme aimed at seriously undermining public order," Morocco's Central Bureau of Judicial Investigation (BCIJ) said in a

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statement. The suspect had carried out "reconnaissance visits to identify certain security checkpoints, with a view to attacking them and using their weapons in terrorist operations," the BCIJ added. The suspect had reportedly sought to "join terrorist organizations" including those based in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as in Syria and Iraq.

SOURCE: 29 September 2022, AFP

# (U) Somalia – Somali Forces Kill 40 Al-Shabaab Terrorists

(U) Ceel-Qooxle – Somali National Army (SNA) forces backed by the local pro-government militia group Ma'awisley on Thursday killed 40 al-Shabaab militants in an attack in Ceel-Qooxle village of central Somalia. Elmi Hagar Gure, a prominent elder and frontliner in the fight against al-Shabaab, died during the fierce fighting. Hagar was a strong pillar in the offensive operation against the al-Qa'ida allied group and his efforts helped in liberating several areas under al-Shabaab control in the Hiran region. SOURCE: 29 September 2022, Xinhua

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